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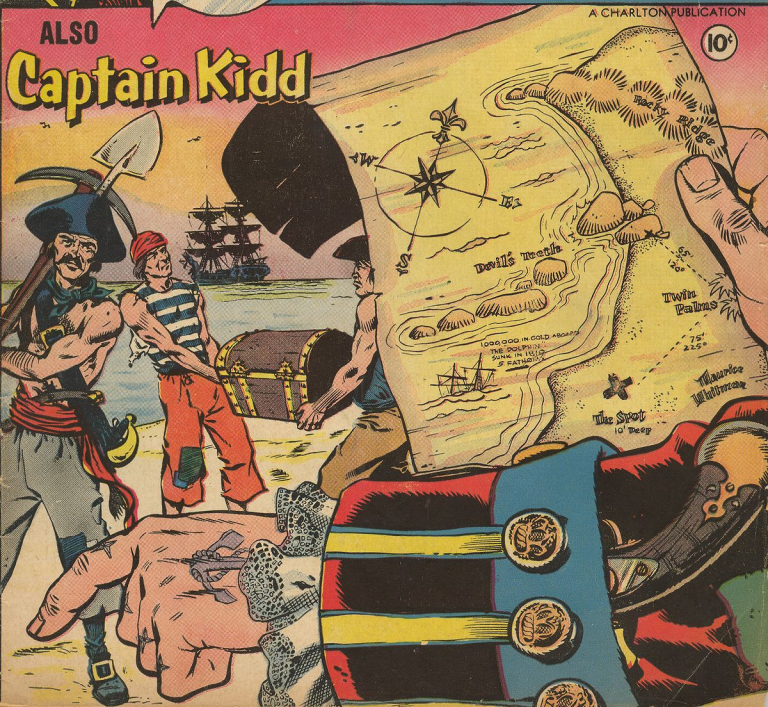
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## Captain Kidd







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My Pal!

Win  
\$100  
as I  
just  
did!

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YOU CAN  
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SILVER CUP  
as I just did!  
with YOUR  
NAME  
engraved  
on it!



JIM NORMAN

**AFTER**

He Mailed Coupon  
Below is Cleveland

**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon



90 lb.  
Skeleton

He says,  
I gained  
70 lbs.  
of  
mighty  
muscle

Mail the  
"ALL  
FREE"  
coupon  
get this  
"AMAZING  
SECRETS"  
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ACT, like a Real  
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How did I do ALL This? I  
mailed the Coupon and got  
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**MIGHTY CHEST**  
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HOW TO MOLD A  
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GET  
ALL 5  
FREE

1

2

3

4

5



"I'm  
PROUD  
to be  
seen  
with  
Jim  
NOW!  
Every-  
body  
adores  
his build," says Nellie.  
"Jim can lift the front  
of a 2700-lb. car.  
He amazes his friends!"



You'll be  
A Real  
ATHLETE  
in ALL  
SPORTS  
Soon  
after  
YOU  
mail  
Coupon.

Jim is a WINNER  
in ALL SPORTS NOW.  
YOU will be, too, soon.

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me  
**10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY**  
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did  
and I'll give you a NEW HE-MAN BODY  
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby  
you are I'll make you OVER by the  
SAME method I turned myself from a  
wreck to the strongest of the strong.  
Why can't I do for you what I did for  
MANY THOUSANDS of skinny fellows  
like you?

"Congratulations,  
John! At last you  
mailed the coupon  
as EVERY MAN  
should. Soon You'll  
be as big and strong  
as I am,"  
says Jim Norman  
to John Luckus

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES  
Gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

YES! You'll see INCHES of MIGHTY  
MUSCLE added to your ARMS and  
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## Long John Silver

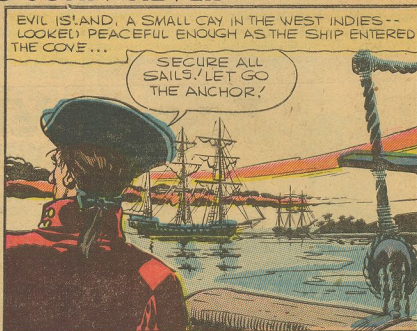
### in 'EVIL ISLAND'

PIRACY PAID IN THE DAYS OF THE SPANISH MAIN -- BUT IT PAID ONLY THOSE WHO WERE RUTHLESS AND WITHOUT MERCY! THE PICKINGS FOR MEN LIKE LONG JOHN SILVER -- TOUGH BUT SOFTHEARTED -- WERE OFTEN SLIM! THEN THEY RAN IN TO A PIECE OF LUCK! A SPANISH FRIGATE WITH GOLD ABOARD...



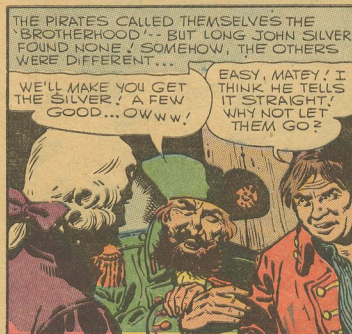


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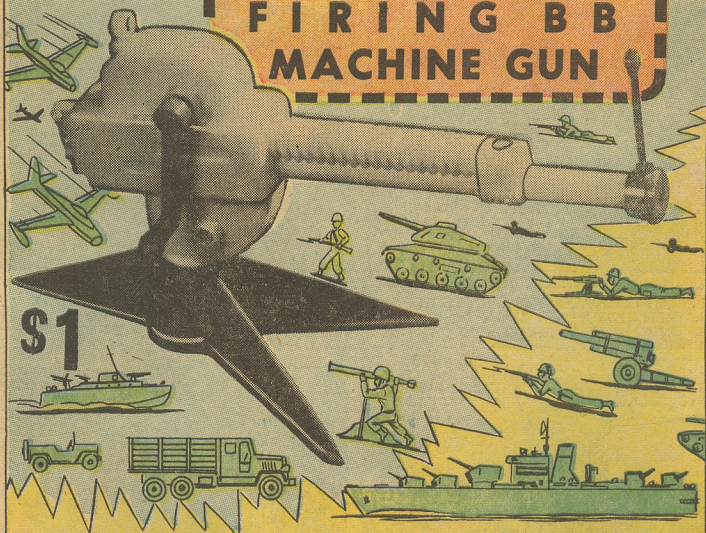


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# LONG JOHN SILVER



THE LONG-BOAT WAS READY... ALREADY FILLED WITH FRESH FOOD AND WATER...





# LONG JOHN SILVER

BADLY NEEDED STORES WERE LOADED ALL NIGHT... WHILE RAVEL AND HIS CREW PLANNED TO AMBUSH CAPTAIN SILVER'S VESSEL...

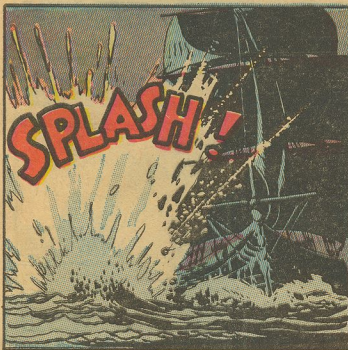
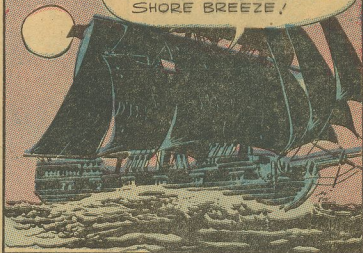
THAT'S CAPTAIN RAVEL'S VESSEL! WHY IS HE LEAVING WITHOUT US?

HE'S NOT, GIRL! HE'LL WAIT OUTSIDE THE COVE LIKE A CAT WITH A MOUSE!



IT WASN'T TILL THE DARKEST HOUR BEFORE DAWN THAT CAPTAIN SILVER MADE HIS MOVE...

HEAVE, LADS, OR WE'LL ALL BE YARD-ARM ORNAMENTS! WE'VE GOT AN OFF-SHORE BREEZE!



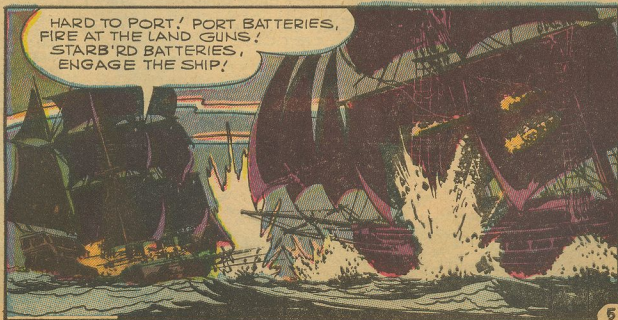
YOU GOT THE MAIN BATTERY, CAP'N!

AYE, AN' I'LL GET ANOTHER IF YOU'LL RECHARGE THE GUN!



THEY HAD ALMOST REACHED SAFETY OUTSIDE THE HARBOR WHEN CAPTAIN RAVEL'S SHIP BORE DOWN...

HARD TO PORT! PORT BATTERIES, FIRE AT THE LAND GUNS! STARB'RD BATTERIES, ENGAGE THE SHIP!





# LONG JOHN SILVER



AN EXTRA SHARE TO THE GUNNER THAT GETS HIM! HE HAS THE DEVIL'S OWN LUCK!



BOARD THEM! WE'LL TEACH 'EM A LESSON!

COME AHEAD, RAVEL!

THE FIGHT THAT FOLLOWED WAS VIOLENT BUT SHORT! CAPTAIN SILVER'S CREW FOUGHT FEROCIOUSLY...



MAKE 'EM SWIM ASHORE! OVER THE SIDES WITH 'EM!

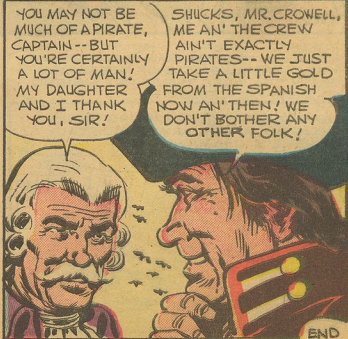
DON'T DESERT! GET SILVER AND WE GET THE SHIP!

GET SILVER? I'D RATHER TACKLE A COUPLE OF HUNGRY TIGERS!



SMART WORK, CAPN! WE GOT OUR SUPPLIES AND A COUPLE OF SWELLS TO RANSOM BESIDES!

SHUT YOUR HATCH, JACK! WE'RE SAILIN' FOR BARBADOS! WE'LL PUT THEM ASHORE THERE-- AND NO RANSOM INVOLVED!



YOU MAY NOT BE MUCH OF A PIRATE, CAPTAIN-- BUT YOU'RE CERTAINLY A LOT OF MAN! MY DAUGHTER AND I THANK YOU, SIR!

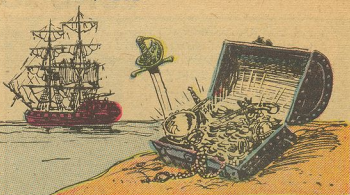
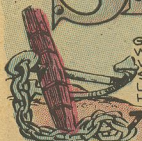
SHUCKS, MR. CROWELL, ME AN' THE CREW AIN'T EXACTLY PIRATES-- WE JUST TAKE A LITTLE GOLD FROM THE SPANISH NOW AN' THEN! WE DON'T BOTHER ANY OTHER FOLK!

END



# LONG JOHN SILVER

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GOLD WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE NEW WORLD-- SPANISH GALLEONS LOADED WITH IT BROUGHT WEALTH TO SPAIN! THE ROVING BANDS OF PIRATES ALWAYS WERE READY TO STEAL WHAT THE CONQUISTADORES HAD STOLEN! LONG JOHN SILVER'S SHIP WAS ONE OF THOSE SAILING UNDER THE BLACK FLAG IN SEARCH OF TREASURE-- AND HIS RICHEST HAUL WAS ONE THAT FAILED TO MAKE HIM RICH---

## THE CROWN OF the GOLDEN IDOL

YOU RAGGED ENGLISH THIEF! THE TREASURE IS OURS! YOUR CREW WILL NEVER PROFIT FROM OUR EFFORTS!

EASY, MATEY! GIVE UP NOW AND SAVE YOURSELF A SHORT SWING ON A TALL YARDARM!

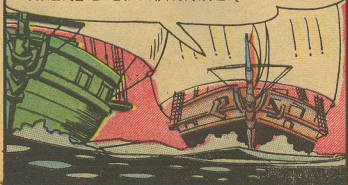


LONG JOHN SILVER'S SHIP WAS CRUISING THE CLEAR BLUE SEAS OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA WHEN THEY FIRST SIGHTED THE SPANISH FRIGATE ---

STAY NEAR THE HELM, LAD! YON SPANIARDS ARE GOING TO FIGHT!

AYE AYE, SIR! BUT THERE'LL BE NO GOLD ON HER! SHE'S A COURIER SHIP, SIR!

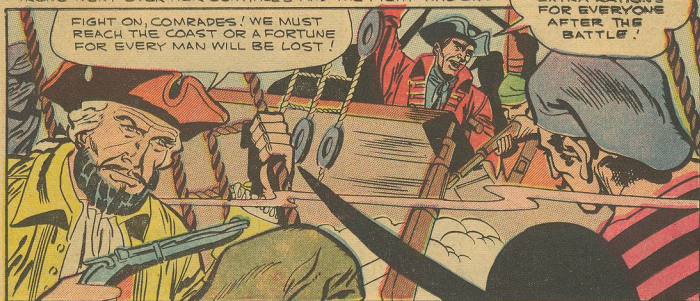
BREAK OUT THE GRAPPLING IRONS! HAVE ALL HANDS ARMED AND READY! WHERE'S JIM HAWKINS?





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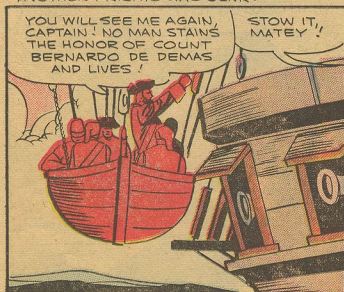
COURIER OR NOT, SILVER'S SHIP CLOSED IN-- GRAPPLING IRONS WENT OVER HER GUNWALES AND THE FIGHT WAS ON!



FIGHT ON, COMRADES! WE MUST REACH THE COAST OR A FORTUNE FOR EVERY MAN WILL BE LOST!

TAKE 'EM, LADS! EXTRA RATIONS FOR EVERYONE AFTER THE BATTLE!

THE FIGHT WAS BITTER AND OVER FAST! ANOTHER FRIGATE WAS SUNK!



YOU WILL SEE ME AGAIN, CAPTAIN! NO MAN STAINS THE HONOR OF COUNT BERNARDO DE DEMAS AND LIVES!

STOW IT, MATEY!

YOU'D BETTER GO WITH THE OTHERS, SENOR! THE CREW IS NOT HAPPY WITH SPANIARDS THESE DAYS!

BLESS YOU, LAD, I'M AS ENGLISH AS YOURSELF! CAPTURED IN BATTLE A YEAR AGO!



HO! WHAT HAVE WE HERE? NO SPANISH TAR'LL SHARE MY BOARD WHEN LAND IS NEAR!

PLEASE, SIR! HE'S ENGLISH LIKE US! LET HIM SPEAK!



DICK SMYTHE OF LIVERPOOL, SIR! AND A PRISONER OF THE DON'S FOR OVER A YEAR!

WELCOME, LAD! IT'S WELL JIM SPOKE OR YOU'D BE FISH FOOD BY NOW!



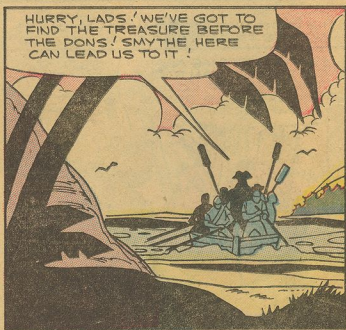
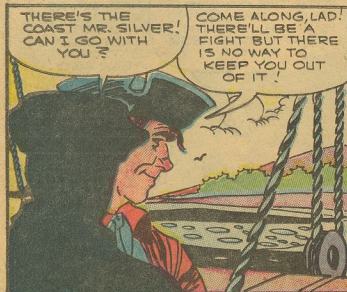


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THE ENGLISH SEAMAN HAD A STRANGE STORY TO TELL! LONG JOHN LISTENED WITH GROWING INTEREST---



HE LISTENED WELL! LONG JOHN DETERMINED TO LEAD HIS MEN TO THE LOOT!





# LONG JOHN SILVER



LONG JOHN GRINNED--HE WAS AFTER THE CROWN OF THE IDOL AND THE AZTEC GOLD BUT HE NEEDED A GUIDE!



WITH THE INDIAN'S GUIDING THEM, LONG JOHN'S PARTY MADE FAST TIME!



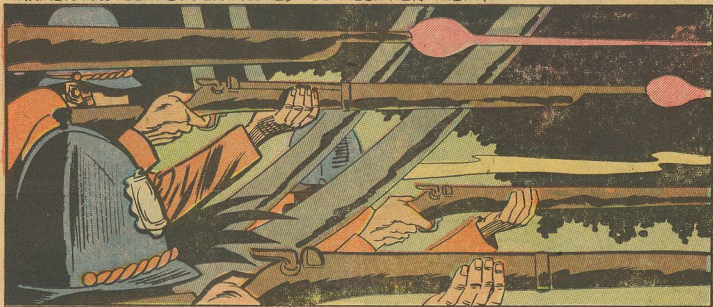
THAT STARTED A RUNNING BATTLE THAT LASTED FOR DAYS! THE SPANISH VS. LONG JOHN SILVER'S MOTLEY CREW!





# LONG JOHN SILVER

THE AZTECS FOUGHT DESPERATELY TO SAVE THE WEALTH OF THEIR FATHERS. BUT ARMOR AND GUNPOWDER PROVED TOO MUCH FOR THEM!



EASY, LAD! WE'RE NOT AFTER YOU! IT'S THE SPANISH DON'S WE WANT!

FIRESTICKS EVIL... AND THEY HAVE THE CROWN OF THE IDOL!



THERE'S A FORTUNE FOR ALL OF US THERE OR I DON'T KNOW GOLD FROM MUD! BUT WE'LL GET IT!



LATER THAT NIGHT--

EXCUSE ME, SIR! BUT IS IT RIGHT TO STEAL FROM INDIANS?

NO, JIM! BUT TO STEAL FROM OUR COUNTRY'S ENEMIES, THE SPANIARDS IS! AND THAT'S WHO WE'RE AFTER!



BUT, SIR, WHAT WE STEAL BELONGED TO THE INDIANS! AND THEY'VE BEEN FRIENDLY!

BLAST IT, JIM, GO TO SLEEP!

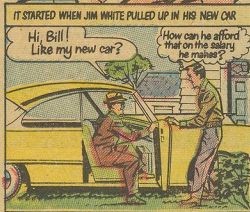




# How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois



IT STARTED WHEN JIM WHITE PULLED UP IN HIS NEW CAR

Hi, Bill!  
Like my new car?

How can he afford  
that on the salary  
he makes?



I made \$88 EXTRA this  
week, thanks to this  
terrific Selling Outfit!

What's in there,  
Diamonds?



No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe  
Man in off hours. You should see how  
people buy these shoes! Look...  
real AIR CUSHION innersoles!

GOSH! Can I make  
money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how  
to make MONEY! So I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:



Bill! Look... a real air cushion  
innersole that customers can feel!

And look at that! Over 175  
different styles! Dress  
shoes, sport shoes,  
work shoes... from  
width AAAA to EEEE

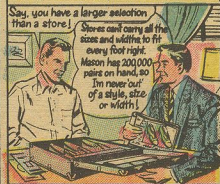
I started with friends, relatives, people where  
I worked. EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!



Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't  
you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?

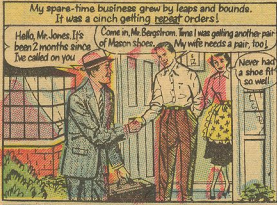
Say, it'd like  
those shoes.  
You sure have  
swell styles... my  
right size, too!

Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample  
shoes, and sales came faster than ever!



Say, you have a larger selection  
than a store!

Shoes can carry all the  
size and width to fit  
every foot right.  
Mason has 200,000  
pairs on hand, so  
I'm never out  
of a style, size  
or width!



My spare-time business grew by leaps and bounds.  
It was a cinch getting repeat orders!

Hello, Mr. Jones. It's  
been 2 months since  
I've called on you

Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Time I was getting another pair  
of Mason shoes. My wife needs a pair, too!

Never had  
a shoe fit  
so well!



I soon had a business that brought me over  
\$3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes.  
I found real security!

Bill! A  
new toaster!

Didn't cost a cent! Mason gave it  
to me. They give away thousands  
of prizes every year. I've really  
made a small fortune!

Mail Coupon  
For YOUR  
**FREE**  
Money-Making  
**Outfit!**

What would YOU do with \$3,000 EXTRA income a year? Thousands  
of men are making handsome extra incomes with Mason Shoe. You don't  
invest one cent...ever. You need no experience. We'll send you a complete  
Starting Outfit FREE! It features handsome line of over 175 styles in  
smart dress shoes, sporty casuals and fast-selling work shoes...and includes  
10-second Air Cushion demonstrator, Measuring equipment, Money-making  
booklet, National ads...EVERYTHING you need to start making big  
money from your first hour!

If you want to give yourself a raise every month—with a steady-profit  
repeat-order business...if you want to be your own boss...just rush this  
coupon TODAY to Mason Shoe Mfg. Co., Dept. 189 Chippewa Falls,  
Wisconsin. You'll receive your powerful FREE SALES OUTFIT right away!

Mr. Ned Mason, Dept. 189  
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co.  
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

You bet I want to start making a small fortune  
in spare time! Rush my FREE SELLING OUTFIT  
with everything I need to start making money  
my first hour!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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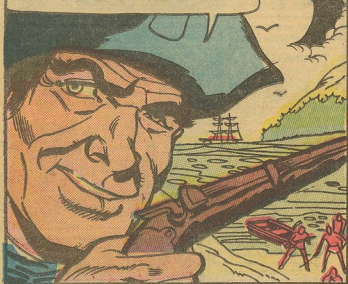
THE PURSUIT STARTED AGAIN IN THE MORNING, AND MYSTERIOUSLY, MORE AND MORE AZTECS WERE JOINING THEIR PARTY!



THEY'RE NEAR THE BEACH, SIR! IT'S NOT FAR AHEAD!



SPREAD OUT, LADS! IF THEY GET TO THE BOATS WE CAN SAY GOODBYE TO THE LOOT!



TAKE 'EM LADS! WE'LL ALL RETIRE ON THIS BOOTY!



IT WAS A STRANGE SKIRMISH--SPAIN AGAINST ENGLAND FOR A FORTUNE IN AZTEC GOLD! AND WITH THE AZTECS HELPING THE PIRATES!





# LONG JOHN SILVER



NOW, YOUR  
EXCELLENCY,  
SHOW ME  
YOUR  
METTLE!

¡NUNCA PERRO!  
YOU WILL  
DIE!



YOU'RE LONG ON  
TALK AND SHORT  
ON SWORDWORK!

MERCY! TAKE  
THE TREASURE!  
LET US GO!



THE PIRATE CAPTAIN TOOK THE TREASURE!  
RICHES FOR EVERY MAN IN THE CREW---  
EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL CONSCIENCE!

MAGNIFICENT! WE'LL  
LIVE HIGH ON THIS IN  
ENGLAND!

YOU CAN'T TAKE  
IT, SIR! IT BE-  
LONGS TO OUR  
FRIENDS, THE  
AZTECS!



DRAT THE BOY! HERE  
TAKE IT BACK TO YOUR  
IDOL! THERE WAS  
LITTLE PROFIT IN  
THIS VENTURE  
FOR US!

YOU ARE GOOD!  
COME AGAIN---  
THERE WILL BE  
FOOD AND WATER  
FOR YOU!



LATER-- SAFELY AT SEA---

SEE, JIM? BY RETURN-  
ING THE STUFF, WE NOW  
HAVE A FRIENDLY PORT  
TO VICTUAL IN!  
SMART, EH?

YES, SIR!  
T'WAS A  
NOBLE  
THOUGHT  
YOU HAD,  
CAPTAIN!!



## "THE PIQUANT PIRATE"

They say that it is the ambition of most writers to produce a play. Someday, I hope to get a little home in the country and start on my play. It will concern the life of a pirate. It will be a combination of comedy and tragedy. For a number of years I have been collecting material on pirates throughout history. The man we shall talk about now is Captain William Kidd.

No privateer in the history of piracy has been caught in a greater storm of controversy than Captain William Kidd. Did the man who roamed the seven seas in the Adventure Galley, deserve the title of "Captain William Kidd, Gentleman," as he was described on his marriage license? Or should he be called "Kidd the notorious pirate" as the simple folk of England and America knew him for almost two centuries? Did he swing from a rope at Execution Dock in England for a murder he never committed? Is his loot just another legend? Or does it still lie buried along the coast of the eastern United States? Did I waste my time trying to dig for a hidden treasure that never existed?

I have examined documents, records, and the account of the trial of Captain Kidd. Actually there were four distinct trials, one for murder and three for piracy. As a matter of fact, there was ample evidence in each case upon which the jury could find the prisoner guilty. There was no irregularity in procedure. At each trial the judge summed up with scrupulous fairness on the facts before him. Finally, it is abundantly clear that William Kidd was guilty of all the charges preferred against him.

William Kidd was a man of some education. He could write a good letter which was no mean achievement in those days. William Kidd was born about the year 1645 at Greenock, then a mere fishing village. Of his early career nothing is known. That it was credible is clear, for on next hearing of Kidd, we find him fighting for his country in command of a ship in American

Waters. That it was successful may also be inferred from the fact that he was then possessed of several trading vessels and considerable property in New York. He had a wife and children and was highly respected.

War broke out between England and France immediately after William of Orange became King of England. Kidd brought his ship into the King's service. He was thereupon sent by General Codrington to serve under the orders of Colonel Hewson. He fought two engagements against the French and afterwards saw further active service in the West Indies. His conduct in action was highly creditable.

His reputation for courage and seamanship spread beyond the confines of his home province. The Government of the neighboring colony of Massachusetts commissioned him to chase an enemy privateer off the coast. This is William Kidd, respected and well off in the year 1695. When next he set sail for England it was upon a voyage which was to bring him lasting infamy.

We must remember that at the close of the seventeenth century there were many pirates. The East India Company complained to the King about pirates. William III did two things. He appointed Lord Bellomont Governor of New England with explicit instructions to suppress the growth of pirates in that province and along the American coast. And he proposed to his ministers that a ship be outfitted to wipe out the pirates.

Now what does Governor Bellomont do? He consulted one Colonel Robert Livingstone, who was a large landowner in New York. Who should be in command of such a boat? That is how William Kidd fitted into the picture. It was to be a private legal undertaking, under sanction of the crown, to suppress piracy. So a com-



plete contract was drawn up. How would it be profitable? From the pirates would be taken, "goods, merchandize, and treasure."

However, neither William Kidd nor his crew were to have one penny pay unless the ship took a prize. By the end of November, William Kidd had found his ship, the Adventure Galley, of 287 tons and thirty-four guns. On December 10, 1695, a warrant was issued by the Admiralty granting a commission to William Kidd as a private Man of War. Had Kidd followed orders, everything would have been fine.

Something went through his mind. He crossed the Atlantic and put into Madeira for fruit and wine. Then he set sail for the Cape of Good Hope. He headed for the western coast of Madagascar. This was the most notorious stronghold of the pirates in the Eastern waters. But he doesn't go to the eastern coast to find pirates. He turns pirate himself. Why he did this, is difficult to answer.

The facts are that his boat dropped anchor off Bab's Key, an islet in the mouth of the Red Sea. This served as an admirable lurking place from which a watch could be kept upon all vessels going in and out of the sea. For three weeks Kidd waited here for the Mocha fleet to come out.

Kidd stopped a Moorish ketch manned by an English captain named Parker, with one other European, a Portuguese on board. Kidd took several bales of pepper, several bales of coffee, and some myrrh off the ship. He found no money. He let the ship go, but took the two Europeans with him. At this point, Kidd, had in the eyes of the law turned pirate.

Sailing down the coast, he was attacked by a Portuguese frigate, which he drove off after a long fight. Eleven of his men were wounded. Out at sea, he met a Dutch ship, the Loyal Captain, in command of Captain Hoar. His crew wanted to take this ship but he didn't want to fight it. Later he got into an argument with Moore his gunner; the gunner died the next day. At this point he becomes also a murderer. He has sunk deeper and deeper into crime. He can be hung on either of the two charges: piracy or murder.

Next he stops a ship, the Maiden. He takes off the cargo and sells it along the coast to the natives for money and gold. Later he stops a Portuguese ship and takes some cargo from her. His richest prize, was the Quedah Merchant, a ship of 400 to 500 tons, bound for Surat from Bengal. This boat was flying Armenian colors, belonged to Armenian owners, and was com-

manded by an Englishman named Wright. She was richly laden with bales of silks and muslins, sugar, iron, saltpetre, guns, and some gold in species.

Some of the goods, Kidd sold on the coast for seven or eight thousand pounds. Off the southern part of the Malabar coast, he met another Portuguese ship. He started to plunder her, but when he sighted some men-of-war, he fled. In May, 1698, Kidd arrived at Madagascar. He dropped anchor at St. Marie, an islet off the western coast.

The Adventure Galley had become so lazy and leaky that Kidd decided to scrap her. So, after unloading her, he ordered his men to set fire to the boat. The Maiden was scuttled and sunk in St. Marie harbour, after everything of use or value had been taken off her. Kidd then proceeded to share the spoils with his men. Provisions and stores were bought with the proceeds of the sale of other spoils. The remainder of the plunder was stored on board the Quedah Merchant.

In September, 1698, Kidd set sail. His ship was loaded with a rich hoard of merchandise, goods, jewels, gold, and pieces of eight. After a quiet voyage he arrived off Anguilla, in the West Indies at the end of April, 1699. There he sent some men ashore where they received the news that Kidd and all his crew had been proclaimed pirates!

Kidd and his men eventually end up in London and go to trial. He was tried, found guilty, and paid for his crimes on the gallows. These are the facts. After his death, a variety of legends and tales grew up concerning him. One problem remains unsolved to this day. What became of the Quedah Merchant and of the treasure that was suppose to be aboard her?

There is even a story that the boat was brought up the North River and sunk off the coast. Expeditions have been outfitted to search for "Captain Kidd's Treasure." It has never been found. The reason is very simple — it probably never existed. The personal property and effects of Captain Kidd were forfeited, under the law, to the Crown. The money, in turn, was used towards the establishment of Greenwich Hospital.

Someday, I'll start work on that play of mine. And when I have created my character, Captain William Kidd, I'll ask him the sixty-four dollar question: "Why did you turn pirate?" When, and if I get the answer, I'll let you know, provided you come to see my play.



LONG JOHN SILVER

# Long John SILVER

*The CAPTAIN was a LADY*



IN THE EARLY MORNING OFF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, THE SAIL WAS SIGHTED. LONG JOHN'S SHIP WAS FAST BUT IT WAS A LONG CHASE!



WILL WE CATCH HER, SIR? WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SHIP IN MONTHS!

WE'RE GAINING NOW, JIM! WE'LL BE UP TO HER BY NOON!





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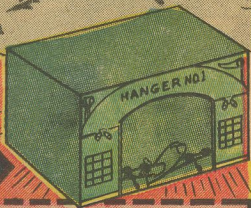
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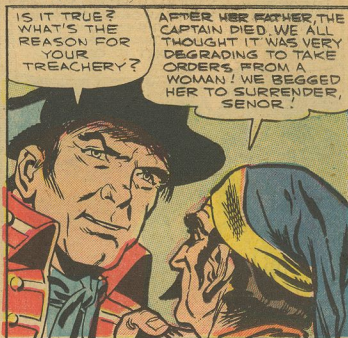
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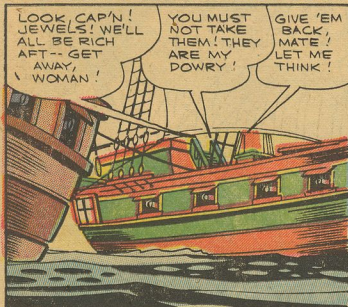
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IT WAS A PUZZLER TO LONG JOHN SILVER!





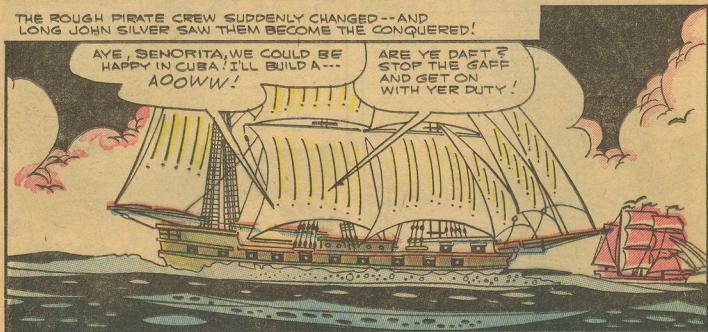
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THE FEMALE CARGO WAS TROUBLE ALL THE WAY.



THE ROUGH PIRATE CREW SUDDENLY CHANGED--AND LONG JOHN SILVER SAW THEM BECOME THE CONQUERED!



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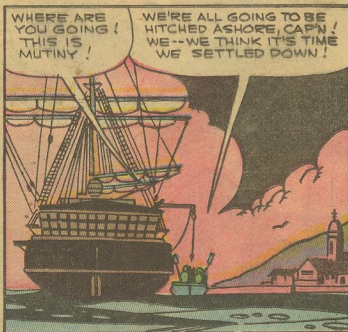


THE WORSE IT GOT!





# LONG JOHN SILVER





LONG JOHN SILVER

# Captain Kidd

SCARLET VENGEANCE!

THE STRANGE TALE OF HOW CAPTAIN KIDD, ACCUSED OF STEALING THE KING'S TAX MONEY, RIGHTS A COWARDLY WRONG AND APPREHENDS THE TRUE VILLAIN, SAVING A NOBLE NAME FROM DISGRACE AND THE LOVELY LADY LACKLAND FROM THE EVIL CLUTCHES OF A KNAVE!



A GAMING HOUSE IN PORT ROYAL, JAMAICA, LATE IN 1666...

TOM, LET'S BEGONE AFORE WE'RE RECOGNIZED. YE CAN'T STAND HERE ALL NIGHT AND WATCH A YOUNG FOOL LOSE A FORTUNE.

AYE, HARRY, BUT A MINUTE. I'M A-WONDERING WHERE WYETH HERON GOT THAT KIND OF MONEY TO LOSE!

MONSIEUR HERON, I CAN GEEVE NO FURTHER CREDIT. YOU OWE ME TEN THOUSAND POUNDS. DO ME THE HONOR OF COMEING TO MY CHAMBERS, NO?

BLAST YE, ARE YE AFRAID I'M GOING TO RUN OFF?

'TIS AS I THOUGHT. THE JACKANAPES HASN'T A CENT. LOUIS WON'T LIKE THAT. COME ON, HARRY!

IN LOUIS' CHAMBERS...

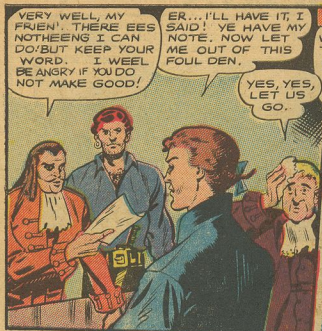
WELL, HOW'D YOU EXPECT TO PAY LOUIS, EH? I DO NOT PLAY FOR FUN, AND I THEENK YOU DO NOT EITHER, YES?

DO NOT WORRY, LOUIS, I'LL GET THE MONEY FOR YE IN A WEEK. MEANWHILE, I'LL GIVE YE MY NOTE. ALL RIGHT?





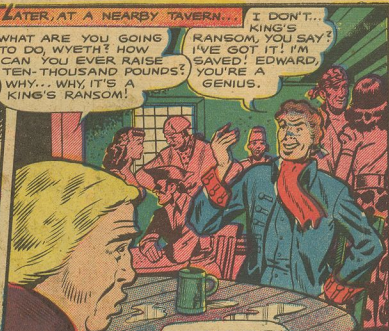
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VERY WELL, MY FRIEND! THERE EES NOTHEENS I CAN DO/BUT KEEP YOUR WORD. I WEEEL BE ANGRY IF YOU DO NOT MAKE GOOD!

ER...I'LL HAVE IT, I SAID! YE HAVE MY NOTE. NOW LET ME OUT OF THIS FOUL DEN.

YES, YES, LET US GO.



LATER, AT A NEARBY TAVERN...  
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, WYETH? HOW CAN YOU EVER RAISE TEN-THOUSAND POUNDS? WHY... WHY, IT'S A KING'S RANSOM!

I DON'T... KING'S RANSOM, YOU SAY? I'VE GOT IT! I'M SAVED! EDWARD, YOU'RE A GENIUS.



WHO IS THE COLLECTOR OF THE KING'S TAXES? WHO IS ABOUT TO DELIVER THEM TO THE GOVERNOR? WHO IS THE FATHER OF MY FIANCEE, LADY FRANCES LACKLAND?

SIR GEORGE! HE'D NEVER LEND YOU A FARTHING! NOT THE WAY HE DISAPPROVES OF YOU!

LEND? WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT LENDING, EDWARD? WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT. THE KING'LL NEVER MISS IT.

YOU... YOU MEAN STEAL THE KING'S TAX MONEY? WHY... WHY, THAT'S A HANGING MATTER!



SUPPOSE THEY SHOULD HAPPEN TO THINK THAT THE NOTORIOUS CAPTAIN KIDD WAS UP TO ONE OF HIS TRICKS? COME ALONG.

MARK MY WORDS, WYETH, YE'LL SWING, YET!



EDWARD, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE'LL DO. WE'LL BE RICH AND KIDD WILL BE BLAMED FOR IT!

I HOPE SO, WYETH.



THREE NIGHTS LATER, AT THE SIGN OF THE BLUE RAM AS THE KING'S MESSENGER TAKES A NIGHTCAP...

THAT'S HIM. I GOT THE WHOLE STORY FROM FRANCES! THE MONEY'S IN HIS ROOM. HE'S ALSO GOT A GUARD.

I... I DON'T LIKE THIS. IF FRANCES EVER FOUND OUT...



STOP ACTING LIKE A COWARD AND COME ON. HE'S GOING UPSTAIRS. LET'S GET READY.

ALL RIGHT. I STILL DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF IT. I HOPE HE DIDN'T NOTICE US.

# LONG JOHN SILVER

A FEW MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE THE MESSENGER'S ROOM...

NOW BRACE YOURSELF, EDWARD, AND DON'T FORGET TO CALL ME KIDD. ARE YOU READY?

I... I GUESS SO... L-LET US ENTER!

AVAST, YE LAND LUBBERS. RAISE YOUR HANDS.

IN THE NAME OF THE KING, DESIST!

THIEVES!

BY THE SEVEN DEVILS, NONE CALLS THOMAS KIDD A THIEF!

SO YE'VE TAKING TO ROBBING THE KING, EH, KIDD? I WARN YE, YE'LL PAY FOR THIS WITH YOUR NECK!

PER... PERHAPS NOW YE'LL NOT CALL... ER, CAPTAIN KIDD A... A ROBBER!

GAD, EDWARD, YE MAKE AS BAD AN ACTOR AS I YE DO A MAN. I HOPE HE REALLY BELIEVES IT WAS KIDD, WHEN HE WAKES UP!

ILL... UN---

SECONDS LATER...

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY. 'T WAS A STROKE OF LUCK THAT OUR ROOM IS DIRECTLY BENEATH.

IF WE'RE CAUGHT, THEY'LL HANG US. OH, WHY DID I EVER LET MYSELF BE DRAGGED INTO THIS?

HURRY, THEY'RE HERE NOW. WE HAVEN'T A MINUTE TO SPARE!

OH, I KNOW WE'LL BE CAUGHT, I KNOW IT! I WAS A FOOL TO AGREE TO ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

DOWN BELOW...

MAKE HASTE, EDWARD, WE WON'T HAVE MUCH TIME AFTER THEY DISCOVER THE ROPE. REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

YE NEEDN'T FEAR, HERON. AS SOON AS I'M OUT OF THIS, I'M GOING AWAY. YE'LL NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME!

DON'T WORRY, MY WEAKLING FRIEND! I'LL NOT WORRY, AND NEITHER WILL YOU. YOU'LL NOT BE AROUND TO DO IT.

WYETH, WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?





# LONG JOHN SILVER



WELL! SO I'VE STOLEN THE KING'S TAX MONEY AND KILLED HIS GUARD AND ANOTHER MAN, EH? NOW WE'RE TO SWING FOR CRIMES WE'RE INNOCENT OF, ARE WE?

SO IT SEEMS. IT STRIKES ME THAT 'TIS LITTLE WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. YE DAREN'T SHOW YESELF TO DENY IT.

DO I? I'LL SHOW YE, HARRY. I MAY BE A PIRATE, BUT I'M NOT A MURDERER, AND I'M NOT A COMMON THIEF. YE KNOW YESELF, ALL OUR MONEY GOES TO HELP THOSE THAT NEED IT.

I'M WILLIN', TOM, TO DO WHAT YE WOULD, IF YE CAN SHOW ME WHAT, SINK ME, IF I KNOW.

TO TELL YE THE TRUTH, HARRY, I'M NOT SO SURE MYSELF. I THINK 'TWILL NOT HURT TO HAVE A TALK WITH THE KING'S MESSENGER. HE MAY GIVE US A CLUE.

THEY SAY HE WAS KNOCKED ON THE HEAD AND KNOWS NAUGHT ELSE, BUT THAT WE ATTACKED HIM. HOWEVER, YE NEVER KNOW, LET'S GO!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE HOME OF THE KING'S MESSENGER...

AH, 'TIS AN EVIL BUSINESS THIS TAX ROBBERY. THE GOVERNOR HAS SENT FOR SIR GEORGE. I FEAR WE'LL ALL BE RUINED OVER THIS... 'TIS RIGHT CHILLY. THAT WINDOW... OHH!

SIT WHERE YE ARE AND MAKE NO OUTCRY, IF YE WOULD LIVE!

WHO...WHO ARE YOU? WH...WHAT DO YE WANT?

WHY DON'T YE RECOGNIZE ME? BLAST YE, DON'T YE KNOW THE MAN WHO ROBBED YE AND SHOT YE GUARD?

AYE! LET ME INTRODUCE CAPTAIN THOMAS KIDD AT YOUR SERVICE. LOOK CLOSE. IS HE NOT FAMILIAR?



NAY, YE SOUND NOT LIKE THE MAN WHO SHOT MY GUARD AND YE HAVE NOT THE SHAPE OF HIM. YOUR FRIEND I KEN NOT, EITHER. IF YOU DID NOT ROB ME, THEN WHO DID?

THAT, MY FINE FRIEND, I AM TRYING TO FIND OUT, AND WHEN I DO,

WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO DICK GAULT, THE KEEPER OF THE SIGN OF THE BLUE RAM? PERHAPS HE CAN TELL YOU SOMETHING... THERE'S BEEN FOUL WORK AFOOT.

BURN ME, I HOPE HE KNOWS MORE THAN YOU DO. I'VE A SCORE TO SETTLE THAT WON'T KEEP, COME, HARRY!

LATER, AT THE BLUE RAM...

... BELIEVE ME IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHAR...  
AYEEEE!



# LONG JOHN SILVER

MINUTES LATER...

WE WOULD TALK TO YE, DICK GAULT, ABOUT A LITTLE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED TWO NIGHTS AGO.

LET US SAY YOU WOULD TALK TO US. LET'S HEAR EVERYTHING YE KNOW. OMIT NOTHING!

NO...NO...I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING. THERE'S NOTHING TO HIDE!

...AND THERE WAS MR. HERON FIRING THROUGH THE WINDOW AND HIS FRIEND LYING DEAD ON THE FLOOR. THE THIEVES HAD GONE THROUGH THE WINDOW, CHEST AND ALL. IT WAS HORRIBLE, I TELL YOU, HORRIBLE!

HERON, EH? YE'VE DONE US A SERVICE, DICK, AND I WON'T FORGET IT... HARRY, LET'S BE OFF.

BURN ME! HAVE YE GONE MAD? 'TWOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHAT YE HAVE IN MIND. I'M AS BLANK AS EVER..



CAN YE NOT SEE, HARRY? HERON STOLE THE MONEY, PRETENDING HE WAS ME. HE KILLED HIS FRIEND TO KEEP HIM QUIET AND THREW THE BLAME ON US. I THINK MISTER HERON IS IN FOR A SURPRISE.

COME NOW, TOM, HOW DO YE FIGURE ALL THAT? YE'RE NOT A GYPSY THAT READS THE CRYSTAL BALL. EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

USE YOUR BRAINS, HARRY! HAVE YE NEVER SEEN A COLLECTOR'S CHEST? KNOW YE TWO MEN WHO COULD RUN OFF IN THE NIGHT WITH ONE AND GET VERY FAR? THEN THERE'S THE ROPE...

AYE! IT JUST CAME THROUGH HIS WINDOW. THE MONEY IN HIS ROOM ALL THE TIME! THE FOOLS WERE TOO EXCITED TO REALIZE IT. I TAKE IT, WE VISIT THIS MURDERIN' HERON?

SINK ME, NO! FRENCH LOUIS IS OUR PORT O' CALL. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT MURDERIN' BLACKGUARD, HERON, WILL BE SCUTTLED IN HIS OWN TRAP.

OHO, 'TIS CLEAR NOW. THE NIGHT AT THE GAMING HOUSE, HIS HEAVY LOSSES. TOM, YE'VE DONE A CLEVER PIECE OF WORK THIS NIGHT.



THE TWO MAKE HASTE TO THE GAMING HOUSE OF FRENCH LOUIS' AND RELATE THEIR STORY...

SO THAT EES HOW HE GET MONEY, EH? HE EES A BAD WAN, BUT WHAT I CARE HOW HE GET THE GOLD. HE OWE IT TO ME, NO?

I CARE, LOUIS. I DON'T INTEND TO SWING FOR HERON'S KILLING. I FEAR YE'LL NOT BE TAKING THAT MONEY.

AH, SO? WE THEENK DIFFERENTLY, EH, KIDD? GET THEM OUT OF HERE!

I WARN YE... WE'RE ATTACKED!

THESE LUBBERS CAN'T TAKE A PAIR OF SEAFARIN' MEN. AT THEM!

OPEN THE DOOR AND THROW THEM OUT!!





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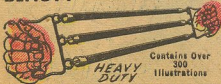
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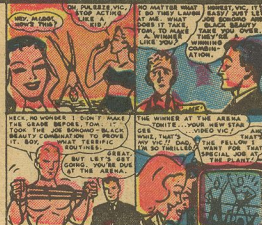
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# LONG JOHN SILVER

LATER, KIDD AND HARRY RETURNED TO LOUIE'S HOUSE AND...

HE'S HERE!

SHHH! LISTEN!

WELL, LOUIE, I HAVE

I HAVE IT HERE, MY FRIEND,

KEPT MY PROMISE.

I'VE BROUGHT YOUR MONEY,

WHERE IS MY PROMISSORY NOTE?

BUT WAIT, I WOULD COUNT WHAT YOU BRING.

NOTE?

YOU'RE INSULTING!

THERE IT IS, COUNT IT! MY NOTE, PLEASE.

OH, I AM SO SORRY, MONSIEUR HERON, EET EES EENSULT. TAKE CARE OF HEEM, PIERRE AND LUPO. SEE THAT HE EES AT HOME!

KIDD AND HARRY STORM IN AND...

KIDD! HOW?

WE MEET AGAIN, LOUIE, AND THIS TIME I'M AFRAID YOU'VE LOST A FEW OF THOSE ACES.

RIGHT, NOTHING LEFT HERE, BUT A PACK OF KNAVES!

MOMENTS LATER...

I'M HERE TO SEE YOU PAY IT. LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF. THOMAS KIDD, AT YOUR SERVICE.

WHO ARE YOU? ... WHAT DO YOU WANT?

KIDD! LET... LET ME GO... I... I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING! I...

I'M GLAD YE CAN. SUPPOSE WE DO IT AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION. IT WILL BE MORE COSY THERE... HARRY, THE MONEY.

YE NEEDN'T WORRY, TOM. I HAVEN'T TAKEN AN EYE OFF IT. I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE THE GOVERNOR'S FACE, WHEN WE SHOW UP.

MEANWHILE, AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, A DISTURBING SCENE TAKES PLACE...

SIR GEORGE, THERE IS NOTHING FOR ME TO DO, BUT TO SEND YOU BACK TO ENGLAND FOR TRIAL. YOU HAVE FAILED YOUR DUTY.

WON'T YOU GIVE ME TIME TO AT LEAST TRACE THE MONEY? I... I COULDN'T BEAR TO DISGRACE TO THE NAME OF LACKLAND.

WYETH HERON HAS PROMISED HIS HELP. MAYBE WE CAN TRACE IT. FATHER'S MESSENGER SAYS HE WAS MISTAKEN ABOUT THE ROBBER, BEING CAPTAIN KIDD.

BAH! STUFF AND NONSENSE! IT WAS KIDD RIGHT ENOUGH. DO YOU EXPECT TO SAIL THE SEAS AFTER THEM? WHAT'S THAT NOISE? I GAVE ORDERS NOT TO BE DISTURBED!

NO, YOU CAN'T GO IN... OW! STOP!

THERE'S YOUR TAX MONEY, GOVERNOR, AND I MIGHT SAY IT GRIEVES ME MIGHTILY TO TURN IT OVER.

AND HERE'S THE LOUT WHO DARED TO IMPERSONATE ME AND STOLE IT, KILLING TWO MEN IN THE ATTEMPT.

OH, NO! WYETH, I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



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WELL, HERON, DO YE CONFESS, OR MUST I MAKE YE? WOULD YE LIKE LOUIE TO TESTIFY?

EEEE!



WELL, YE SNIVELING CUTTHROAT, FINISH ME OFF! YE HAVE YOUR CHANCE. FIRST YE USE ME AS A SCAPEGOAT AND THEN YOU THINK YE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT, EH?

CURSE YOU, KIDD. AT ANY RATE, YE'LL NOT TAKE ME!



NOW, YE SQUID, GET BACK DOWN THERE, OR I'LL...

I... I... DON'T, KIDD, DON'T. I... I'LL CONFESS. DON'T KILL ME!

I... I DID IT. I STOLE THE TAX MONEY TO PAY A GAMBLING DEBT. I... SHOT EDWARD TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT AND PUT THE BLAME ON KIDD...

YE'RE DOING RIGHT WELL, YE LUBBER! NOW—WHAT ABOUT THE GUARD?

I... I SHOT HIM, TOO. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING.

TAKE THAT MAN!

AND GOVERNOR, WILL YE CALL IN YOUR REWARD NOTICES? I LIKE THEM NOT.



WELL, I... THERE ARE MATTERS OF PIRACY... I ER... VERY WELL, KIDD, I'M A JUST MAN. THEY'LL BE WITHDRAWN, BUT YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR OTHER REASONS.

I THOUGHT AS MUCH. COME AND TAKE US!

YE WOULDN'T LIKE TO LOSE A FEW GUARDS, WOULD YE, GOVERNOR?

TAKE THEM, MEN! TAKE THEM! THE CROWN HOLDS A WARRANT ON THEIR HEADS!

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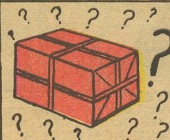


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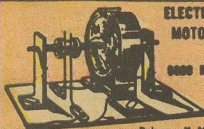


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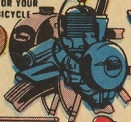
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